A SUMMER EVENING

struck six. It struck loudly, insistingly, as is the way of country clocks, conit gives the law to everything within Town clocks have a kind of apologetic way of mixing with the general tunnilt; excepting a few others of this calibre, they generally sound ineffective. "It is the right time, and we want to tell you, but the noise of those omnibuses won't let us-they interfere so, And there goes a dray! No, it really is of no use!" And they finish their striking in a hurried and perfunctory manner.

Nothing of the sort happened here. The country was quite still, and the sound swung away over the quiet fields till it ning. The cows were standing knee deep in the toll grans and the buttercupsswishing placidly at the flies with their talls. The air was filled with the sleepy twittering of the birds and the chirp of the numberless insects which make up the silence of a summer's day. And behind and through every sound could be heard the solemn voice of the river which ran past the old gray church, winding its diver way down to the great sea,

The last workman had shouldered his tools, and had betaken himself home, or where as he felt inclined, when anybody passing by might have seen three children moving with much appearance of secrecy toward a wood which edged and for you-and for me. I will send y the bank that sloped down to the river opposite the church. They had a favorite Launt there, where, with much labor, they had raised a little summer house bits of string and odd mails. There, in the atervals of theri education, when their mother was away, which usually happened for about nine months out of the bedroom, which was also no uncommon becurrence, they had constructed some other handy pieces of wood. Why they kept it a secret they could hardly have ndue!" They had begun it long before, meeting place, and even now, when they great caution, on the home-made scat homeward as quietly as mademoiselle's which required so much humoring, they excitable nature would permit. felt an intense relief from the humdrum took a glamour not its own, and became the home of adventure and mystery. They had trained a magnificent honey-

uckle, which grew near, over the roof, and the scent of the flowers was heavy ing, of the golden future.

"This place is slow." said Gerald, the only son of the house, who was sitting on his own sent in the corner, a box which was frankly a box and made no pretensions to be anything else. Gerald's movements were not adapted to humor frail articles of furniture

"Of course, it's all right for you girls." He flicked a carcless finger in their direcon. "But I shall be glad to be at

"I wonder how you will like it?" said Gertrude, the eldest of the three. She ad the patient look on it which comes those who know themselves to be

and it a great change at first."

successfully, to guide him into the paths on But there is no help. And they of learing. Gerald was fourteen, but he stiffs the temperary missiving by an was delicate, or, at all events, it had all extra dose of frivolity. ways been so believed, and he had never Lady Verrier was, as always, exquisitebeen allowed to go to a preparatory by dressed. She had been very beautiful, school. Now he was to plunge at once and, even now, with her parasol at the

Gerald, with the magnificent contempt of twenty years before.

the young for everybody else, "but there Not that it would have mattered. Her

box; no home-made beach would have

big mouth and your strangly yellow hair! edge of the English language, and Eng What next, indeed?"

tween his finger and thumb, and pulled guage of the young. Solid fathers of English families, who had been doing the

him and boxed his cars, but the mantle would have seemed impossible at home of the prophet was upon hor, and she And over all was the brightness, the fr-

posted, more solemnly than before. "I than at home, which is going on around heard mother talking about it to madeand complexion what they should be (I seemed appropriate to his Homburg hat, wonder how she will do that?) I should and the general surroundings of the make a sensation, and mademofielic said place.

knew exactly what they meant."

Yes," she said. "Somehow it always happens; when one is almost happy, it is they were in consequence very in necent "Why move on," said the man at her and childlike in many ways still. They side still more gently. Surely there can had no near neighbors, and Lady Verrier be no necessity. And think how we had never taken them up to London. She some of us especially will miss you." did not take Lord Verrier either when | Lady Verrier smiled up at him. She

could explain good time aryhow. I shall keep lots of tract from the remance of the situation, horses and dogs. I suppose you will be and even to make it samewhat ridiculous dencing about and enjoying yourself. Ada. be doing? Somehow even he, young Luckily at this moment Capt. Perri-

what life made of her.

"I don't know," said Gertrude. "Som The big clock of the village church times I wish that someone would teach truck six. It struck loudly, insistingly, me. Mother is always so busy, and lessons are all right, but it isn't what I fident in its own value, and knowing that mean. There is so much all round us, and its like being blindfolded, I wish I knew."

Gerald stared. Reverles like these had never troubled his head. Life to him was a time to be happy and to enjoy one's certainly not a problem to be wrestled with.

"Its all right, Gerty, dear," he said; "don't worry. In a few years we shall all be grown up and as jolly as possible. I wish it was now," he added, "This place is well enough"—he looked through the trees at the old house all bathed in glory by the setting sun-'but it's very

"I wonder if we shall be happier?"
said Gertrude slowly. "I tell you what.
You are going to school, "Gerald, in a week and I."

No. 505, Kingman and Pratt Passon, S 20 p in Mo. 509, Kingman and Pratt Accommodation, Monday, Wednesday and week, and I suppose things will be d ferent to you. And Ada will be out a few years, and going about wi mother. Let's agree to meet here fi years today, and talk truly and tell ear other what has happened. Do let's-"
"We shall forget," said Gernid, t

practical. "Five years is a long time "No, we won't forget," answered Go trude. The rare color came into h cheeks, and flushed them with a tend rose. She pulled down a branch of hone suckle from the roof and tenderly d tached three flowers: "That is for you another flower when the time comes, then you will know."

"But where will you be?" said Ad wonderingly, "You will be out, to made of boughs fastened together with Gerty, and going about. You will not remember either."

Gertrude shook her head, and her eyes sought to glowing sky that was beginning to pale into twilight. That would twelve, and the French governess was not be her life. She knew it with the reading novels in the seclusion of her certainty of conviction. "Les avertis" makes no mistakes.

"Mese enfants, mes enfants, mais enfurniture made out of soap boxes and trez done. Madame votre mero serait desolee de yous savior fei a cette heure

The shrill voice cut the evening air. from the innate desire of children to have | Mademaiselle could be heard exclaiming something "secret" from their elders, and and wondering and appealing, apparently now they were older they were afraid of to the frightened rabbits, and one bebeing laughed at. At all events, no one lated bird, who was complaining from a except the old butler, who knew every- neighboring bush, as she approached their thing, had any inkling of their favorite hiding place. They had no mind to be scovered, and she hated damp grass, were inside their little arbor, which so they met with mutual satisfaction at would barely hold them, sitting, with the edge of the wood, and proceeded

Meantime Lady Verrier was pursuing life of the schoolroom, and the little wood her usual round of life at Homburg. She was a person of little or no imagination, so she always did the same things at the son for taking the waters, and for giving herself leisure for observing the sympon the evening air. But they only no- toms of a mysterious nerve complaint ticed is unconsciously, for they were which she kept as a resource for mothinking, as the young always are think- ments when other occupations failed her. Lady Verrier was-well, certainly over forty-but she had not given up the amusements of youth. There had been a cotillion at the gursaal the night before, and she had pleasant remembrances the many tinsel flowers, paper flags, and pretty toys which had fallen to her share from various admirers. Yet she was not quite happy. She had always come to that difficult moment when the popularity of youth, if it is to continue, must emerge into something different, under penalty of looking ridiculous. She not quite a fool. When a woman is beavily weighted in the race of life, and says, but how she looks and how she had labored hard, though somewhat un-

right angle, and a becoming veil, "Brown was all very well," replied looked hardly older than she had done

are lots of things be doesn't understand. favorite partner of the night before was I shall get on all right. And then I'm sitting beside her. He was young. Her going into the guards. That will be elly, favorite partners were usually young I shall go racing, and hunt like father men now. He had been told that Lady Verrier was beautiful, and a person to "I," said the youngest girl, solemnly- be seen with. He took her on trust, and she had not yet spoken-'am going to be unless some malicious person pointed out to him that her charms were on the wane Gerald started so violently that it was it was almost certain that he would never lucky he had been relegated to the solid notice it for himself.

The little tables on the terrace began to fill up for ten time. German officers, stood such treatment, to fill up for tea time. German officers. "A beauty?" he said, derisively, as soon in their becoming blue uniforms, were as he recovered his breath. "With your making the most of the seanty knowllish girls, knowing no German, were smil-He took a bit of the despised hair be- ing back at them in the universal lan-Ada moved her head away. As a gen-eral thing she would have fallen upon cock, and brightened up in a way which telt that such manifestations of feeling, responsibility, the general air of taking however excusable, would be inconeign town so attractive, and hides the "I know I shall be a beauty," she re- grim struggle with poverty, flercer still

moiselle. She said that with my hair and eyes and contour (what's that if wonder?) that when she had made my figure | sentiment into his eyes, which somehow

quite gravely, 'Elle ira lion' I wish I Lady Verrier signed softly. "Alas:

she could help it, but that was some- could not explain the real reason of her departure, which was that her husband Gertude tooked at them both with soft, insisted on her personally supervising was very full, and heated waiters flew wistful eyes. In many ways she felt so Gerald first departure to school. Now, hither, and thither, almost elbowing the much older than her brother and sister. It is an henorable thing to have a fine people crowded together at the little and, though she had no more definite son of fourteen but, somehow, to ex-knowledge of life than they, still things plain to an admirer, who Lady Verrier sof life than they, still things plain to an account to her than she knew was twenty years young ther her-filling the silence of the sweet summer being the self, that seemed somehow to prepare evening with his melody. The scent of "Well, said Gerald, "we'll have a folly him for Eton seemed somehow to prepare

of played bridge with that man last of it all was in vain?-London Onlocker. Ada turned her little face toward her sister. No one who tooked at her would have been surprised at her mother's prophecy. Long curiy lashes shaded her "Oh, he can do worse than that," reprophecy. Long curly lashes shaded her "Oh, he can do worse than that," re- who is not so much spoken of as Roose-dark eyes, deep and mysterious with the piled Lady Verrier, with a laugh. "I velts "running mate" naturally prompts inherited shadowy look of generations of played with him the night before. He a few jok fair women, who had lived and loved and doubled diamonds on four! What can lican says: suffered long years before she was born, happen to a man who behaves like that?" and had set their seal upon their de- "Without doubt he shull perust ever- presidential candidate has found Hitt seendant. Her long nack maved with un- lastingly!" asserted her neighbor, with a all right, but there is really nothing to conscious dignity, her gleaming golden dim recollection of len gpust Ash Wed-

as it was betrayed the weakness of her nature. She would not have much strength to stand alone, she would be

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outside world what she is or what she says, but how she looks and how she says, but how she looks and how she says it. Only, as she gets older, the froth of appearances becomes ridiculous unless there is samething said underneath it. Even the most frivolous feel this more and more clearly as time goes there are the says in the same said underneath it. Even the most frivolous feel this more and more clearly as time goes the same said underneath it. Leave Amarillo 4:00 a m

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a few jokes. The Springfield Repub-

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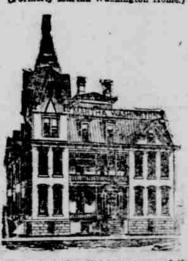
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